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SUBJECT: FOOD AID CONVENTION

1. WE HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MAYIO, DIRECTOR, FOOD POLICY AND PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS AND FROM PAROTTE IWC. QUOTE AS INDICATED MY LETTER NOVEMBER 8 SPOKE TO RABOT RE EEC POSITION FOOD AID CONVENTION. HE SEES NO HOPE ANY CHANGE BEFORE END NOVEMBER. MATTER MAY AGAIN BE CONSIDERED COUNCIL OF MINISTERS DECEMBER 5 AND COULD PROBABLY BE FINALLY RESOLVED AT USUAL END-OF-YEAR EEC BARGAINING MARATHON. BUT THIS VIEW MAY EVEN PROVE TOO OPTIMISTIC.

2. COMMISSION OFFICIALS REGARD IT AS POLITICALLY UNTHINKABLE INCURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES FOR EEC NOT TO CONTINUE WITH CONVENTION BUT CONSIDER MORE TIME NECESSARY FOR DECISION TO EMERGE. SUGGESTIONS PUT FORWARD INCLUDE EXTENSION OF CONVENTION FOR ONE YEAR ONLY AS A BASIS FOR COMPROMISE WITHIN THE EEC, WHICH WOULD GIVE THEM MORE TIME TO SORT OUT THEIR PROBLEMS, AND A POSSIBLE REDUCTION OF EEC CONTRIBUTION TO ORIGINAL LEVEL WITHOUT DENMARK AND UK.

3. RABOT EXPECTED TO BE AT INFORMAL DINNER NOVEMBER 26. I SUGGEST YOU CONTACT DICK GOODMAN FOR LATEST NEWS FROM BRUSSELS AFTER HE RETURNS FROM EUROPE THIS WEEKEND. REGARDS PAROTTE,
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, INTERNATIONAL WHEAT COUNCIL. END QUOTE.

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